



U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
*Washington, D.C. 20535*

July 19, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
[REDACTED]  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1370389-000  
Subject: COCHRAN, JOHNNIE L, JR.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 29 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

Please be advised that additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your information needs for the requested subject, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)



## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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**Office of Enforcement Operations  
Criminal Division**

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**Director, FBI**

- 1 - Mr. Henahan
- 1 - Mr. E. Walsh, Rm. 5847
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**UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA; RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS - PUBLIC CORRUPTION**

Attached is a copy of a communication which furnishes information concerning a current investigation. Exigent circumstances precluded a request for authorization in advance to utilize an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party.

Under the provisions of Part III (B) of the Attorney General's Memorandum of September 22, 1980, to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies entitled, "Monitoring Private Conversations with the Consent of a Party," emergency monitoring was instituted under the authorization of an appropriate official of the FBI.

Monitoring of this conversation was authorized in the best interest of law enforcement in that it was expected to provide corroborative evidence and to protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Further monitoring is expected in this matter, and it is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant approval.

**Enclosure**

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NOTE: Emergency authority was obtained from Section Chief Joseph E. Henahan on  and was relayed to Supervisor  same date, 1981 b6  
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Director, FBI

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SAC, Los Angeles (183D-1244)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA; RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS - PUBLIC CORRUPTION

ReLatel to the Bureau, 3/17/81, and Butelcal to Los Angeles, 3/16/81.

ReButelcal 3/16/81 advised that emergency authority was granted for the use of an electronic device to monitor and/or record conversations between source, [redacted] Johnnie Cochran, and others unknown.

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This is to confirm that written authority has now been obtained from the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, for the use of electronic device for a period of [redacted]

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You are requested to submit a letter within 30 days of this authorization furnishing information regarding use of this equipment in accordance with Part II, Section 10-10.2(4), Volume III, MIOG.

Comment specifically concerning any of the points set forth in the MIOG that are applicable.

In addition, you should insure that all persons identified as having been monitored are suitably included in the field office and FBIHQ indices, commensurate with existing instructions as outlined in Bureau airtels to all offices dated 4/12/77, 6/8/77, and 10/21/77, entitled "Microphone and Telephone Surveillance." Strict administrative controls must be established to insure these requirements are met.

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AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
AD LES \_\_\_\_\_

Dir.: TJ:wdd (4) "ENCLOSURE ATTACHED"

Servs. \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: Emergency authority was obtained from Section Chief Joseph E. Henahan on [redacted] and was relayed to Supervisor [redacted] LA, by Supervisor [redacted] same date..

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See Bureau letter to Office of Enforcement Operations dated 3/19/81. No Bureau markings or stamps to be placed on original

memorandum

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FBI/DOJ

ENCLOSURE (✓) TO ~~TO~~ (AIRTEL)

TO SAC, Los Angeles

DATED 3/26/81

RE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS

ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR

COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES

LA FILE NO. (183D-1244)

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Director, FBI

SAC, Los Angeles (183D-1244) (WCC-4)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA;  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS -  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION

ReLatel to the Bureau, 4/18/81, and Butelcal to  
Los Angeles, 4/21/81.

This is to confirm reButelcal wherein you were advised  
written authority was obtained from the Criminal Division,  
Department of Justice, for the use of electronic device to moni-  
tor and/or record conversations between source, and others  
unknown for a period of [REDACTED]

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requirements are met.

TJ:wdd (4)

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NOTE: ReButelcal was made to Supervisor [REDACTED] LA, by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FBIHQ, on 4/21/81.

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See Bureau letter to Office of Enforcement Operations  
dated 4/20/81. No Bureau markings or stamps to be placed on original  
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ENCLOSURE (✓ TO ~~LETTER~~) (AIRTEL)

TO SAC, Los Angeles

DATED 4/22/71

RE UNSUB; LOS ANGELES

SUPERIOR COURT

JUDGE

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ENCLOSURE



# Memorandum



To : Office of Enforcement Operations  
Criminal Division

Date April 20, 1981

From : *WHY*  
*9/11* Director, FBI

Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA;  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS -  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION

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OFFICE OF  
ENFORCEMENT  
OPERATIONS

Attached is a copy of a communication in which authorization is requested for the use of an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party. Also attached is a copy of the communication in which authority was initially requested and granted.

Additional information concerning this investigation has been included in the communications. It is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant approval.

Monitoring of this conversation is recommended in the best interest of effective law enforcement in that it will corroborate evidence and protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Enclosures (2)

Approved:

(Pursuant to the Authority of the  
Attorney General 9-22-80)

*Philip Wilens*

Philip Wilens  
Director

Office of Enforcement Operations

Date: *4/20/81*

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION, OO: LOS  
ANGELES.

RE BUREAU TELCALL TO LOS ANGELES, MARCH 16, 1981; LOS ANGELES  
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH 17, 1981; AND LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO  
BUREAU, APRIL 8, 1981.

EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY FBIHQ ON [REDACTED]  
FOR USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND THE CRIMINAL DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, GRANTED WRITTEN AUTHORITY FOR A 30 DAY  
PERIOD BEGINNING [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SOURCE AND [REDACTED]  
HAD A CONVERSATION ON [REDACTED] WHICH WAS RECORDED AND IT  
WAS DETERMINED THAT FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHNNIE  
COCHRAN WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HANDLING [REDACTED]

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THEN ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN SOURCE AND ONE [REDACTED] WHO TOOK  
SOURCE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] TO TAKE [REDACTED] AND PRESENTLY IS  
ATTEMPTING TO HAVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO ALLEGEDLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY IN COVERING THE MEETING BETEN SOURCE  
AND [REDACTED] AND BECAUSE OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN SOURCE  
FOR THIS MEETING, THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED. IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN SOURCE AND [REDACTED] WILL BE RECORDED  
DURING THE NEXT 30 DAY PERIOD.

~~SOURCE HAS ADVISED THAT~~ [REDACTED]

TOLD SOURCE THAT THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
LATER ADVISED SOURCE THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTS, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL 30 DAY PERIOD TO UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO

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MONITOR AND/OR RECORD PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SOURCE AND  
INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

AUSA DEAN B. ALLISON, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CONCURS WITH  
THE USE OF THE RECORDING DEVICE AND DOES NOT FORESEE AN  
INSURMOUNTABLE BAR TO PROSECUTION DUE TO ENTRAPMENT CLAIMS.

ET  
IF FIXED DEVICE IS USED, IT WILL ONLY BE ACTUATED WHEN CONSENTING  
PARTY IS PRESENT.

Office of Enforcement Operations  
Criminal Division

April 20, 1981

Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1 - Mr. Henahan  
1 - Mr. E. Walsh, Rm. 5847  
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# Memorandum



To :

Office of Enforcement Operations  
Criminal Division

Date March 19, 1981

From :

Director, FBI

Subject :

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR  
COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN  
FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA; RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT  
ORGANIZATIONS - PUBLIC CORRUPTION

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equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which  
you grant approval.

Enclosure

Approved:

(Pursuant to the Authority of the  
Attorney General's Policy)

*Philip Wilens*

Philip Wilens

Director

Office of Enforcement Operations

Date: 3/23/81

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From : SA

Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Los Angeles County Superior  
Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
(PRELIMINARY INQUIRY)  
OO: Los Angeles

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The referenced FD-209 contains the details of the allegation received concerning the captioned Superior Court Judge.

As noted in referenced FD-209, the facts in this matter are briefly as follows:

On 2/4/81, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that [REDACTED]

who advised

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(2) *[Signature]*

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Source advised that [REDACTED]

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A review of Los Angeles County directories reveal almost 200 Los Angeles County Superior Court Judges, with approximately ten of these having Spanish surnames.

In view of the aforementioned information it is believed that a preliminary inquiry should be conducted to attempt to substantiate this allegation. This inquiry will consist of a review of public source documents, direct interviews of persons involved in this matter, and probable use of consensual monitoring (telephone) and use of a body recorder.

Source has indicated a willingness to testify in this matter.

SAC COMMENTS/APPROVAL

*ENB/gram 2/17/81*

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1	3/30/81	Executed FD-473 PR
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3	"	[Redacted] (R)
4	"	Executed FD-472 (R)
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5	4/30/81	(Ind) of. Noted order type of conversation of Source (R)
6	"	Executed FD-472 (R)
7	"	Executed 4773 per Source (R)
8	5/21/81	Orig. notes of ind. of [Redacted] (R)
9	"	Executed FD-473 (R)
10	"	Executed FD-472 (R)

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FD-340 (REV.8-20-79)

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
OO and File No. LA 183D-1244/A1  
Date Received 3-18-81  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes      Receipt Given ☐ Yes  
☒ No                              ☒ No

☐ Yes      Grand Jury Material-  
☒ No      Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

Executed FD-473

PA 3/30/81

March 18, 1981  
(Date)

Los Angeles, Ca.  
(Location)

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

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hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to place a

☒ Body Recorder <sup>or premises</sup> on my person <sup>for</sup> the purpose of recording any conversations  
☐ Transmitter

with \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Subject(s))

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which I may have on or about 3-18-81  
(Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

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b7C  
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Witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_

LA, FBI, LA Ca. 3-18-81

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FD-340 (REV. 8-20-79)

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. LA 183 D-1244-1A2

Date Received 3-18-81

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No  
Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

*stated from  
source regarding  
several attorney*

*PN 3/30/81*

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March 18, 1981

I, [redacted] am voluntarily  
cooperating with the FBI in a matter concerning  
[redacted] and Johnnie Cochran and the  
FBI has not advised or told me to dismiss  
my present attorney [redacted]  
Any decision to dismiss Mr. [redacted]  
will be my decision and will be in no  
way influenced by the FBI.

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Witness

[redacted]

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[redacted]  
SA, FBI, LA Ca. 3-18-81

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Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
OO and File No. LA 1830-1244-1A3  
Date Received 3-24-81  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No  
☐ Yes ☒ No  
Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

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Carlos M. T. [unclear] &  
Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.  
P 3/30/81



FD-340 (REV. 8-20-79)

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. LA 1838-1244 *TRV*

Date Received 3-27-81

From \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes

☒ No

Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

*Excluded FD-472*

*P 3/30/81*

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3/27/81  
(Date)

Los Angeles, Ca.  
(Location)

I, [redacted]

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[redacted] La Aca., hereby  
(Address)

authorize [redacted] and

b6  
b7C

\_\_\_\_\_, Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to install a

b6  
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recording device on a telephone located at [redacted]

for the purpose of recording any conversation I may have on that telephone with

[redacted] Carlos Teron [redacted] others on or about 3-27-4/4-81.  
(Name of Subject(s)) (Date) b6  
b7C

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind.

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Witnesses:

[redacted]

SA FBI, LACA. b6  
b7C

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. LA 183D-1244-7AC

Date Received 3-16-81

From \_\_\_\_\_

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By \_\_\_\_\_

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b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

Exempted FD-472

(M)

4/30/81

March 16, 1981

(Date)

[Redacted]

(L.A.) Ca.

I, [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

L.A. Ca.

[Redacted]

, hereby

authorize [Redacted]

and

b6  
b7C

\_\_\_\_\_, Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to install a

b6  
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recording device on a telephone located at [Redacted]

for the purpose of recording any conversation I may have on that telephone with

[Redacted]

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on or about

3-16-81

(Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind.

[Redacted]

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Witnesses:

[Redacted]

SR FBI, L.A. Ca. 3-16-81

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FD-340 (REV. 8-20-79)

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. LA 183D-1244-107

Date Received 4-6-81

From \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes      Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☐ No                              ☐ No

☐ Yes      Grand Jury Material-  
☐ No      Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

Spotted 473 by  
Source

*(Signature)*

4/30/81

April 6, 1981  
(Date)

Los Angeles Ca  
(Location)

I, , b6  
b7C  
b7D

, LA Ca.

hereby authorize  and b6  
b7C

\_\_\_\_\_, Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to place a

☒ Body Recorder <sup>or premises</sup> on my person <sub>for the purpose of recording any conversations</sub>  
☐ Transmitter

with Carlos Teran  & Others b6  
(Name of Subject(s)) b7C

which I may have on or about April 6-20-1981.  
(Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

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Witnesses:

4-6-81 b6  
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FD-340 (REV. 8-20-79)

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
OO and File No. LIA 183D-1244-1A8  
Date Received 3-12-81  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Returned ☐ Yes      Receipt Given ☐ Yes  
☒ No                              ☒ No

☐ Yes      Grand Jury Material-  
☒ No      Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

*Original notes of*  
*interview of* \_\_\_\_\_

*MA 5/28/81*

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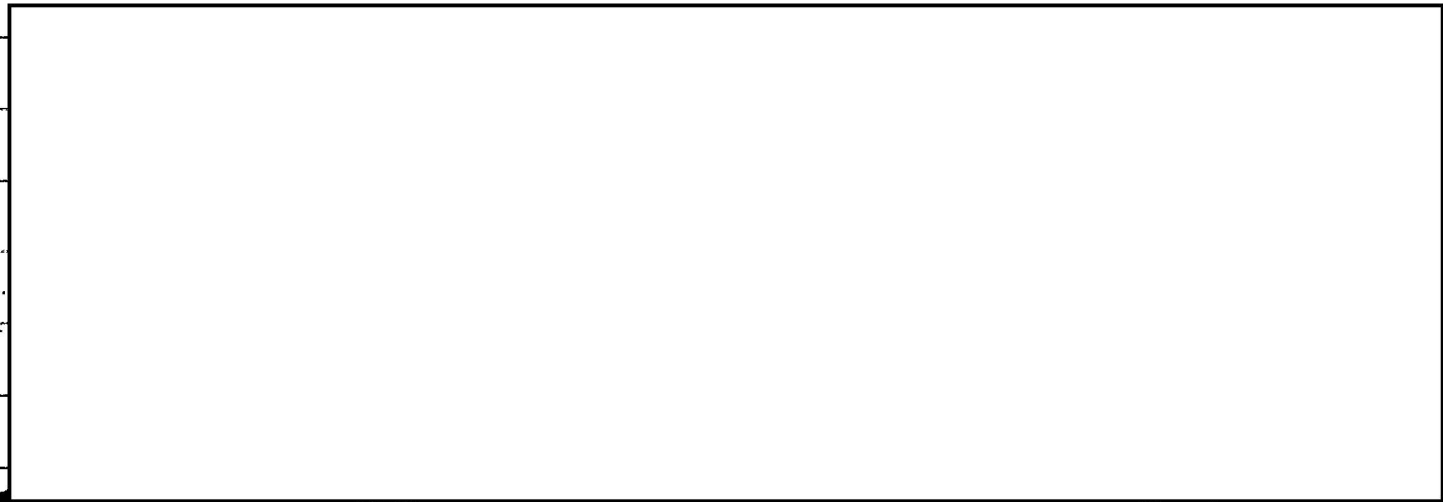
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Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. LA 183A-1244-109

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Returned ☐ Yes      Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☐ No                              ☐ No

☐ Yes      Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
☐ No      Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

Expanded FD-473 of

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11/5/28/81

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May 1, 1981  
(Date)

Los Angeles, Ca.  
(Location)

I, \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
LACa.

hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_

and b6  
b7C

\_\_\_\_\_, Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to place a

☒ Body Recorder <sup>or premises</sup>  
☐ Transmitter on my person <sup>for the purpose of recording any conversations</sup>

with \_\_\_\_\_

Carlos Teran

(Name of Subject(s))

& others b6  
b7C

which I may have on or about May 1-20, 1981  
(Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

Witnesses:

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SA, FBI, LACa. 5-1-81

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FD-340 (REV. 8-20-79)

Field File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OO and File No. LA 183D-1244-1A10

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ No

Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

Excluded 472 of

MS/28/81

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May 1, 1981  
(Date)

Los Angeles, Ca.  
(Location)

I, [Redacted] b6  
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b7D  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_, hereby  
(Address)

authorize [Redacted] and b6  
b7C

\_\_\_\_\_, Special Agents of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to install a

recording device on a telephone located at [Redacted] b6  
b7C  
b7D  
(Location)

for the purpose of recording any conversation I may have on that telephone with

[Redacted] Carlos Tever [Redacted] <sup>sothers</sup> or about May 1-20-1981. b6  
b7C  
(Name of Subject(s)) (Date)

I have given this written permission to the above-named Special

Agents voluntarily, and without threats or promises of any kind ✓

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[Redacted] b6  
b7C  
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Witnesses:

[Redacted] SA FUSI, LA Ca 5-1-81  
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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence  
FD-192 (Rev. 5-23-80)

Date 3-19-81

Title and Character of Case

UNSUB;  
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
LA CA.  
RICO  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

CONSENSUAL MONITORING FR b7D

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

CABINET # 13

EVIDENCE

To Be Returned

See Serial

Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit

Agent Assigned Case

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☐ Yes ☒ No

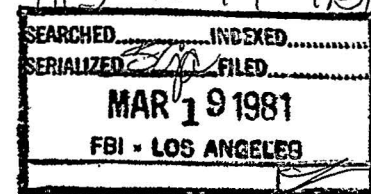
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SA

☐ Yes ☐ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Description of Property or Exhibit

1 original body recording tape.



SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Retain 5/17/82

Field File # 183D-1244-1B1

OO: LA

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FM LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION; ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION,  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT MATTERS.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (PRELIMINARY  
INQUIRY), OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE LOS ANGELES TELCALL TO SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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FEBRUARY 13, 1981.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION IS INSTITUTING A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY  
COMMENCING FEBRUARY 17, 1981, AND TO EXPIRE MARCH 17, 1981,  
REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL  
GUIDELINES ON GENERAL CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS, PART I, PARAGRAPH D  
(SUB PARAGRAPH 3).

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1981, [REDACTED]

WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE

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INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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PAGE TWO (LA 183D-1244) UNCLAS E F T O

SOURCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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SAC APPROVED THE OPENING OF A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY IN THIS MATTER TO ATTEMPT TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS ALLEGATION. THIS INQUIRY WILL CONSIST OF A REVIEW OF PUBLIC SOURCE DOCUMENTS, DIRECT INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER AND PROBABLE USE OF CONSENSUAL MONITORING (TELEPHONE) AND USE OF A BODY RECORDER.



PAGE THREE (LA 183D-1244) UNCLAS E F T O

SOURCE HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY IN THIS MATTER.

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) DEAN B. ALLISON HAS  
BEEN ADVISED OF THE INITIATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

BT

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

☒ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☒ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☒ UNCLAS E F T O  
☐ UNCLAS

Date 2/17/81

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FM LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4)

MAG CARDTO ~~DIRECTOR~~ PRIORITY

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION; ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION,  
 CRIMINAL INFORMANT MATTERS.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS  
 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (PRELIMINARY  
 INQUIRY), OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE LOS ANGELES TELCALL TO SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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b7C

FEBRUARY 13, 1981.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION IS INSTITUTING A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY  
 COMMENCING FEBRUARY 17, 1981, AND TO EXPIRE MARCH 17, 1981,  
 REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 GUIDELINES ON GENERAL CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS, PART I, PARAGRAPH D  
 (SUB PARAGRAPH 3).

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1981, [REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
 INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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(Time)

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ASAC [redacted] *man*  
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PAGE TWO (LA 183D-1244) UNCLAS E F T O

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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SAC APPROVED THE OPENING OF A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY IN THIS MATTER TO ATTEMPT TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS ALLEGATION. THIS INQUIRY WILL CONSIST OF A REVIEW OF PUBLIC SOURCE DOCUMENTS, DIRECT INTERVIEWS OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER AND PROBABLE USE OF CONSENSUAL MONITORING (TELEPHONE) AND USE OF A BODY RECORDER.

PAGE THREE (LA 183D-1244) UNCLAS E F T O  
SOURCE HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY IN THIS MATTER.  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) DEAN B. ALLISON HAS  
BEEN ADVISED OF THE INITIATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.  
BT

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 2/6/81

On February 4, 1981, a confidential source provided the following information to SAs [redacted]  
[redacted]

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He advised that [redacted]

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b7D[redacted] He  
advised that [redacted]

He advised that [redacted]

[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

and [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]b6  
b7C  
b7DHe stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]b6  
b7C  
b7DHe stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]He stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]b6  
b7C  
b7DHe advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]He advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]b6  
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b7DInvestigation on 2/4/81 at Los Angeles, California File # 154-183-1244-3

Los Angeles

SAs [redacted] and

by [redacted]

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Date dictated 2/6/81b6  
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He advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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He advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

He stated that he would be willing to testify in this matter.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4) Date 3/9/81

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Los Angeles County Superior  
Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
(PRELIMINARY INQUIRY)  
OO: Los Angeles

Throughout the week of 2/17 - 20/81, SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has maintained contact with source regarding source  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Source has advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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On 2/23/81, source advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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(2) *DDG*

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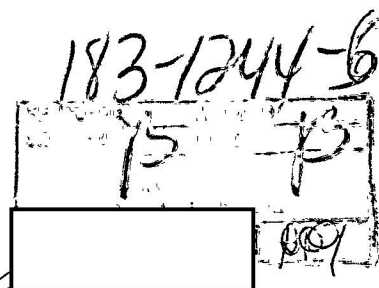


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On March 12, 1981, [ ] advised SA [ ]  
[ ] that Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. was formerly an Assistant  
District Attorney, County of Los Angeles. Source advised  
that Cochran, a black, had recently terminated his employment  
with the District Attorney's Office and had entered into private  
practice. Source [ ]  
[ ]

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On March 16, 1981, [redacted] attempted to contact  
[redacted] at telephone number [redacted] to record a  
conversation between source and [redacted]  
[redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] Los Angeles, California, on March 16, 1981:

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Dean B. Allison, Special Prosecutions, United States Attorney's (USA) Office, Los Angeles, California, was telephonically contacted regarding the utilization of a telephone recording device and a body recorder on an FBI source who has provided reliable information in the past. AUSA Allison was advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] who advised source that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

AUSA Allison concurred with the use of a telephone recording device to record conversations between source and/or [redacted] and Cochran and with the use of a body recorder on the source to record conversations between the source and/or [redacted] and Cochran, and that he does not foresee an insurmountable bar to prosecution due to entrapment claims.

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On [redacted] FBI Supervisor, was telephonically contacted and advised of the facts in this matter. [redacted] then telephonically contacted the writer and advised that emergency authority had been granted by FBI Headquarters to utilize a body recorder for a 30 day period.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4) Date 3/17/81

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Los Angeles Superior Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California;  
JOHNNIE COCHRAN,  
Former Assistant District Attorney,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
(PRELIMINARY INQUIRY)  
OO: Los Angeles

On [REDACTED] Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC)  
WILLIAM M. BAKER granted emergency oral authorization to utilize  
a consensual monitoring telephone device to record a conversation  
between a Los Angeles source and an individual named [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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An FD-472 was executed by the source and Assistant  
United States Attorney (AUSA) DEAN B. ALLISON advised on [REDACTED]  
that he concurred with the use of the telephone recording device  
in this instance and that he does not foresee an insurmountable  
bar to prosecution due to entrapment claims.

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The facts in this case are briefly as follows:

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

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Source advised that [REDACTED]

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SAC COMMENTS/APPROVAL WMB

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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☐ Facsimile  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☒ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☒ UNCLAS E F T O  
☐ UNCLAS

Date 3/16/81

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FM LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4) *Mag Carol*

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ATTN: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION.

CHANGED, UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
 JUDGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER  
 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RICO -  
 PUBLIC CORRUPTION (PRELIMINARY INQUIRY), OO: LOS ANGELES.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT IDENTITY OF FORMER ASSISTANT  
 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JOHNNIE COCHRAN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 17, 1981; AND  
 LOS ANGELES TELCALL TO SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] MARCH 16, 1981.

IN VIEW OF LOS ANGELES SOURCE'S TENTATIVE MEETING WITH

AND JOHNNIE COCHRAN ON THE [REDACTED] EMERGENCY

AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY FBIHQ TELEPHONICALLY ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO MONITOR AND RECORD  
 PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SOURCE AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND BETWEEN SOURCE [REDACTED] AND COCHRAN ON  
[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

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RICO MATTER. AUTHORIZATION WAS ALSO GRANTED TO RECORD SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS BETWEEN SOURCE AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED FOR A 30 DAY PERIOD AND SOURCE WILL WEAR A BODY RECORDER AT THE AFOREMENTIONED MEETINGS.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SOURCE HAS INDICATED THAT FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY COCHRAN, WHO LEFT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE HAS A TENTATIVE MEETING  
ARRANGED WITH COCHRAN FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COCHRAN IS WELL KNOWN TO LOS ANGELES DIVISION AND WAS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN MURDER TRIAL OF BLACK PANTHER GERONIMO PRATT, AND HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE FBI IN THE PAST.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION IS AWARE THAT [REDACTED] AND/OR COCHRAN

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MAY BE PULLING A SCAM~~1~~ ON SOURCE AND THIS SITUATION WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED BY LOS ANGELES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS AS PER ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES AND IF NO POSITIVE RESULTS ARE OBTAINED WITHIN THIS ADDITIONAL 30 DAY PERIOD THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

ON [REDACTED] ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) b7D  
DEAN B. ALLISON WAS CONTACTED REGARDING THIS MATTER AND HE CONCURS WITH THE USE OF A TELEPHONE RECORDING DEVICE AND WITH THE USE OF A BODY RECORDER BY SOURCE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND DOES NOT FORESEE AN INSURMOUNTABLE BAR TO PROSECUTION DUE TO ENTRAPMENT CLAIMS.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] SOURCE IS WILLING TO FURNISH WRITTEN b7D  
CONSENT (FD472 AND FD-473) AND IS WILLING TO TESTIFY.

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On March 12, 1981, a confidential source telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised as follows: b6 b7C

He advised that [redacted]

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He advised [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted]

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He advised that [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /cks Date dictated 3/12/81

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Date of transcription 3/26/81

A confidential source telephonically provided the following information:

Source advised that [redacted]  
advised that [redacted]

[redacted] advised source that

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[redacted] Source stated  
that [redacted]

[redacted] advised source that

On March 22, 1981, source telephonically advised that

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Source [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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[redacted]  
[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] cks Date dictated 3/24/81

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[redacted] Source stated that [redacted]  
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[redacted] Source advised  
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Source advised that when [redacted]  
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Source advised that [redacted]  
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[redacted] Source advised that [redacted]  
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Source advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Source stated that [redacted]  
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On March 23, 1981, source advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Source [redacted]  
[redacted] Source advised that [redacted]  
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[redacted] Source [redacted]  
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On March 24, 1981, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Source advised that [redacted]

Source [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Source further  
advised that [redacted]

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Source stated that [redacted]

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4) Date 3/30/81

From : SUPV. [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Los Angeles County Superior  
Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California;  
JOHNNIE COCHRAN, JR.,  
Former Assistant District Attorney,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
(PRELIMINARY INQUIRY)  
OO: Los Angeles

On 3/18/81, [REDACTED] FBIHQ, advised investigation as reported was sufficient to be designated a full field. b6  
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As a result this matter should now follow the Attorney General guidelines as they cover full field investigation.

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DATE: 3/26/81

✓ FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Los Angeles (183D-1244)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA; RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS - PUBLIC CORRUPTION

ReLatel to the Bureau, 3/17/81, and Butelcal to Los Angeles, 3/16/81.

ReButelcal 3/16/81 advised that emergency authority was granted for the use of an electronic device to monitor and/or record conversations between source, [redacted] Johnnie Cochran, and others unknown. b6 b7C

This is to confirm that written authority has now been obtained from the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, for the use of electronic device for [redacted] b7D

You are requested to submit a letter within 30 days of this authorization furnishing information regarding use of this equipment in accordance with Part II, Section 10-10.2(4), Volume III, MIOG.

Comment specifically concerning any of the points set forth in the MIOG that are applicable.

In addition, you should insure that all persons identified as having been monitored are suitably included in the field office and FBIHQ indices, commensurate with existing instructions as outlined in Bureau airtels to all offices dated 4/12/77, 6/8/77, and 10/21/77, entitled "Microphone and Telephone Surveillance." Strict administrative controls must be established to insure these requirements are met.

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2 - Addressee  
① - Los Angeles (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11000 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90024  
March 23, 1981

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 183D-1244

Honorable Andrea Sheridan Ordin  
United States Attorney  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Courthouse, Room 1269  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: AUSA Dean B. Allison

Dear Ms. Ordin:

This letter will confirm a conversation between Assistant b6  
United States Attorney (AUSA) Dean B. Allison and Special Agent (SA) b7C  
[redacted] in which AUSA Allison concurred b7D  
with the use of a telephone recording device and a body recorder  
to record conversations between a reliable source and several  
individuals including [redacted]

This case involves an attempt by [redacted] to arrange

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AUSA Allison advised that he did not foresee any  
insurmountable bars to prosecution based on entrapment claims.

Based on the results of what has occurred in this matter  
to date, the status of this case is being changed from a preliminary  
inquiry to a full investigation.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR N. BEST  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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On March 31, 1981, [redacted] telephonically advised  
that [redacted]

[redacted] source stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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Source advised that [redacted]  
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advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Source stated that [redacted]  
told source that [redacted]  
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Source stated that [redacted]  
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Source stated that [redacted]  
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Source stated that [redacted]  
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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P)(WCC-4) Date 4/13/81

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Los Angeles County Superior  
Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
OO: Los Angeles

On 4/2/81, SA [REDACTED] telephonically  
contacted Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) DEAN B.  
ALLISON regarding captioned case. AUSA ALLISON was advised that  
initial attempts by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and it might be necessary for the FBI to  
contact the District Attorney's Office or the [REDACTED]  
Superior Court Judge in order to persuade them not to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AUSA ALLISON advised that he saw nothing wrong with  
approaching the District Attorney or the Judge to persuade them  
not to [REDACTED] and that doing this would not constitute  
entrapment of the individuals who claim that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ELSUR INDEX)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (66-6689)

RE: ELSUR

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) elsur cards reflecting the identities of persons overheard and recorded during consensual monitoring obtained with a body recorder. They are as follows:



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[redacted] a meeting was held between a confidential source and [redacted] at [redacted] located in Los Angeles, California. This meeting occurred at [redacted]

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Prior to the meeting SA [redacted] provided source with an electronic recording device which was used by source to monitor the meeting with [redacted]. At the termination of the meeting source returned the electronic device to SA [redacted] who took it into evidence.

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A review of the recording revealed [redacted]

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[redacted] Source expressed [redacted]

[redacted] told source that [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] also stated that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] advised source that [redacted]

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source [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /cks

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☒ AIRTEL

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ UNCLAS E F T O  
☐ UNCLAS

Date 4/8/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P) (WCC-4)  
 RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
 Los Angeles County Superior  
 Court Judge,  
 Los Angeles, California;  
 JOHNNIE COCHRAN, JR.,  
 Former Assistant District Attorney,  
 Los Angeles, California;  
 RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
 OO: Los Angeles

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/26/81.

On   a body recorder was used at Los Angeles, California, and the device aided in directing the course of the investigation and furnished lead material.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS ANG L  
CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORN ,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION, OO: LOS  
ANGELES.

RE BUREAU TELCALL TO LOS ANGELES, MARCH 16, 1981; LOS AN. L  
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH 17, 1981; AND LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO  
BUREAU, APRIL 8, 1981.

EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY FBIHQ ON [REDACTED]  
FOR USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND THE CRIMINAL DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, GRANTED WRITTEN AUTHORITY FOR A 30 DA  
PERIOD BEGINNING [REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SOURCE AND [REDACTED]  
HAD A CONVERSATION ON [REDACTED] WHICH WAS RECORDED AND T  
WAS DETERMINED THAT FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JO NN  
COCHRAN WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HANDLING [REDACTED]

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SOURCE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS [REDACTED] TO TAKE [REDACTED] AND PRESENTL  
ATTEMPTING TO HAVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO ALLEGEDLY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY IN COVERING THE MEETING BETWEEN URC  
AND [REDACTED] AND BECAUSE OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN OURC  
FOR THIS MEETING, THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED. IT IS EX ECT D  
THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN SOURCE AND [REDACTED] WILL BE RECORD  
DURING THE NEXT 30 DAY PERIOD.

SOURCE HAS ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
TOLD SOURCE THAT THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
LATER ADVISED SOURCE THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTS, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR A  
ADDITIONAL 30 DAY PERIOD TO UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO

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MONITOR AND/OR RECORD PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SOURCE AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

AUSA DEAN B. ALLISON, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CONCUR W T THE USE OF THE RECORDING DEVICE AND DOES NOT FORESEE AN INSURMOUNTABLE BAR TO PROSECUTION DUE TO ENTRAPMENT CLAIMS.

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☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
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## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION, OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE BUREAU TELCALL TO LOS ANGELES, MARCH 16, 1981; LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH 17, 1981; AND LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 8, 1981.

EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY FBIHQ ON [REDACTED] FOR USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, GRANTED WRITTEN AUTHORITY FOR A 30 DAY PERIOD BEGINNING [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SOURCE AND [REDACTED] HAD A CONVERSATION ON [REDACTED] WHICH WAS RECORDED AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHNNIE COCHRAN WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HANDLING [REDACTED]

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*On 4/21/81 FBIHQ SC Van Mallick telephonically advised that the DOJ authorized continued use as of*

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THEN ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN SOURCE AND ONE [REDACTED] WHO TOOK  
SOURCE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS [REDACTED] TO TAKE [REDACTED] AND PRESENTLY IS  
ATTEMPTING TO HAVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO ALLEGEDLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY IN COVERING THE MEETING BETWEEN SOURCE  
AND [REDACTED] AND BECAUSE OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN SOURCE  
FOR THIS MEETING, THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED. IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN SOURCE AND [REDACTED] WILL BE RECORDED  
DURING THE NEXT 30 DAY PERIOD.

SOURCE HAS ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
TOLD SOURCE THAT THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
LATER ADVISED SOURCE THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTS, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL 30 DAY PERIOD TO UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO

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AUSA DEAN B. ALLISON, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CONCURS WITH THE USE OF THE RECORDING DEVICE AND DOES NOT FORESEE AN INSURMOUNTABLE BAR TO PROSECUTION DUE TO ENTRAPMENT CLAIMS.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/14/81

A confidential source telephonically provided the following:

Source advised that [REDACTED]

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Source stated that [REDACTED]

Source stated that [REDACTED]

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Source advised that [REDACTED]

Source advised that [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] cks Date dictated 4/13/81

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DATE: 4/22/81

✓ FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Los Angeles (183D-1244) (WCC-4)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; JOHNNIE COCHRAN, FORMER  
 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA;  
 RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS -  
 PUBLIC CORRUPTION

ReLAtel to the Bureau, 4/18/81, and Butelcal to  
 Los Angeles, 4/21/81.

This is to confirm reButelcal wherein you were advised  
 written authority was obtained from the Criminal Division,  
 Department of Justice, for the use of electronic device to moni-  
 tor and/or record conversations between source, and others  
 unknown for a period of [REDACTED]

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You are requested to submit a letter within 30 days of  
 this authorization furnishing information regarding use of this  
 equipment in accordance with Part II, Section 10-10.2(4),  
 Volume III, MIOG.

Comment specifically concerning any of the points set  
 forth in the MIOG that are applicable.

In addition, you should insure that all persons identified  
 as having been monitored, are suitably included in the field office  
 and FBIHQ ELSUR indices, commensurate with existing instructions as  
 outlined in Bureau airtels to all offices dated 4/12/77, 6/8/77,  
 and 10/21/77, entitled "Microphone and Telephone Surveillance."  
 Strict administrative controls must be established to insure these  
 requirements are met.

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On April 28, 1981, [redacted] furnished the following  
information to SA [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted]

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On May 1, 1981, source stated that [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised  
that [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted]

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On May 4, 1981, source advised that [redacted]

On May 5, 1981, source advised that [redacted]

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On April 15, 1981, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

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On April 17, 1981, source advised that [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

On April 22, 1981, source advised that [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

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Source stated that [redacted]

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244)(P)(WCC-4) Date 5/6/81

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Los Angeles Superior Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION

In view of writer's transfer to the Night Supervisor Desk, it is recommended that this case be re-assigned. It should be noted that SA [REDACTED] has expressed an interest in this case.

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The Agent to whom this case is re-assigned should review the file and insure that all Elsur regulations are complied with and that FBIHQ be re-contacted before 5/20/81, if case Agent desires to renew authorization for electronic recording. Further, the new case Agent should insure that SAC approval be obtained if new 30 day telephone consensual monitoring authority desired. This authority expires on 5/15/81.

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The following information was obtained telephonically from the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office by SA [redacted] on May 8, 1981:

On September 17, 1980, a complaint was filed by the District Attorney's Office against [redacted] charging [redacted] with 487.1 (Grand Theft), 470 (Forgery) and 6201 (Falsifying Public Documents).

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On September 22, 1980, [redacted] was arraigned and his case was continued until November 10, 1980. On November 10, 1980, [redacted] entered a not guilty plea and his case was transferred to Department 121 before Superior Court Judge Jerry K. Fields.

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On January 30, 1981, a pretrial conference was held and a motion to dismiss the charges against [redacted] was then made. This motion was denied and the case was continued until March 18, 1981. On March 18, 1981, again a motion to dismiss was denied and the case was continued until June 12, 1981. [redacted] case number is [redacted]

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On May 12, 1981, SA [ ] conducted the following investigation:

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A search of the 1981 edition of the Parker Directory of California Attorneys lists the following:

Charles E. Lloyd  
Suite 700  
3701 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90010  
480-3111

Carlos M. Teran  
3860 Mural Drive  
Claremont, California 91711  
714-621-1308

The 1979 California edition of Martindale - Hubbell Law Directory gives the following information:

Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., born 1937, admitted to practice 1962, was a graduate from the University of California (B.S) and Loyola University of Los Angeles School of Law (LLB).

Charles E. Lloyd, born 1934, admitted to practice in 1962, was a graduate from the Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.S) and the University of Southern California School of Law.

Carlos M. Teran, born 1915, admitted to practice in 1949, was a graduate from college and law school at the University of Southern California.

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[redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]  
 [redacted] California [redacted] telephone number [redacted]  
 provided the following information:

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He is a retired member of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and a former [redacted]  
 He is familiar with two black attorneys, Charles Lloyd and Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. [redacted] described both lawyers as "wheeler dealers." He stated that as [redacted] he was in charge of a [redacted]

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[redacted] On one occasion, in the course of his official duties, he arranged for a hearing for a client of Charles Lloyd. Lloyd attempted to [redacted]


[redacted] but said that he would not be surprised if this were a common practice of Lloyd's.

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by SA [redacted] *RMA* cks Date dictated 5/13/81

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# Memorandum

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To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244)(P)(WCC-4) Date 5/18/81

From : SA

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Los Angeles County Superior  
Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
OO: Los Angeles

Due to this Agent's transfer to another squad, it  
is requested that this matter be re-assigned.

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On May 19, 1981, [redacted] furnished SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] the following information:

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Source advised that [redacted]  
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Source advised that [redacted]  
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Source advised [redacted]

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244) (P)(WCC-4) Date 4/13/81

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject : UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Los Angeles Superior Court Judge,  
Los Angeles, California;  
JOHNNIE COCHRAN,  
Former Assistant District Attorney,  
Los Angeles, California,  
RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
OO: Los Angeles

On [REDACTED] Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) WILLIAM M. BAKER granted emergency oral authorization to utilize a consensual monitoring telephone device to record a conversation between a Los Angeles source and an individual named [REDACTED]

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An FD-472 was executed by the source and Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) DEAN B. ALLISON advised on [REDACTED] that he concurred with the use of the telephone recording device in this instance for recording [REDACTED] and others and does not foresee an insurmountable bar to prosecution due to entrapment claims.

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This telephone recording device has not been utilized as yet but it is anticipated that it will be used within the next 30 day period.

The facts of this matter are briefly as follows:  
A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who advised [REDACTED]

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In view of these facts authorization is requested for telephone consensual monitoring for an additional 30 day period.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California 90024  
August 19, 1981

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE,  
Los Angeles, California  
JOHNNIE COCHRAN,  
FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
Los Angeles, California  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS -  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION

On February 17, 1981, the Los Angeles Division instituted a preliminary inquiry regarding captioned matter which was subsequently designated a full field investigation on March 18, 1981, in accordance with Attorney General guidelines on General Crimes Investigations.

This investigation was based upon information provided by a Los Angeles source who has provided reliable information in the past. On February 4, 1981, source advised

Source advised

who advised that

This would be handled by a Former Assistant District Attorney of Los Angeles

This Former Assistant

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Los Angeles, California  
JOHNNIE COCHRAN,  
FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
Los Angeles, California

District Attorney was subsequently identified as Johnnie Cochran.

On March 18, 1981, [redacted] advised source

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one [redacted] who introduced [redacted]  
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Source [redacted]  
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Further efforts by source to [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Source attempted to maintain contact with [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Source is subsequently no longer in a position to obtain information regarding this matter and there has been no corroborating information to substantiate the allegations of [redacted]

[redacted] as originally indicated by source.

On August 18, 1981, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Dean B. Allison, Chief of Special Prosecutions, United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, was contacted regarding this matter. Allison

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Los Angeles, California

was of the opinion that investigation of the original allegations were uncorroborated and disclosed insufficient Federal interest and no violation of Federal law had been uncovered.

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[REDACTED] and the matter did not warrant further investigation.

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Date 8/19/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244)(WCC-4)(C)  
 RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
 LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE,  
 Los Angeles, California;  
 JOHNNIE COCHRAN,  
 FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
 Los Angeles, California  
 RICO - PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
 OO: LOS ANGELES

Reference Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 4/17/81.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reflecting investigation conducted in above captioned matter.

Los Angeles source mentioned in enclosed LHM is

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Los Angeles is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

A copy of a LHM is being provided to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, under separate cover.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Los Angeles, California 90024  
August 19, 1981

Ms. Andrea Sheridan Ordin  
United States Attorney  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Courthouse, Room 1269  
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: UNKNOWN SUB-  
JECT, LOS  
ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
JUDGE, Los  
Angeles, CA;  
JOHNNIE COCHRAN  
FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY, LA  
CA, RICO -  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION.

Dear Ms. Ordin:

For your information, I am enclosing communications  
which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR N. BEST  
Official in Charge

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Supervisory Special Agent

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Cochran Jr."Character: (183-1244)  
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Attorney Johnnie L. Cochran Jr.  
was named by Mayor Tom Bradley  
to replace Robert E. Collins as a Los  
Angeles airport commissioner. Col-  
lins was asked to resign after his  
July 9 arrest for the shooting of  
Watts resident Clendria Casteel, 40.  
Collins claims he shot Casteel in  
self-defense and Dist. Atty. John  
Van de Kamp has not yet decided  
whether to file attempted murder  
charges against Collins. Cochran's  
nomination is not expected to come  
before the City Council for a week  
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# Memorandum



To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date 8/16/82

From : *DDG/ATS*  
SAC, LOS ANGELES (183D-1244)(WCC-4)(C)

Subject : UNSUB,  
LOS ANGELES SUPERVISOR,  
COURT JUDGE,  
Los Angeles, California;  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND  
CORRUPT ORGANIZATION -  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION  
OO: LOS ANGELES

Reference Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 4/22/81.

A review of ELSUR records in the Los Angeles Division revealed that a letter from Los Angeles to the Bureau regarding the use of an electronic device; authorized used [redacted] was inadvertently not sent. [redacted]

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The Bureau is advised that the electronic device was not used during the above period.

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# Bradley Calls on His Allies

## Longtime Advisers Invited to Discuss Paying Legal Fees

By JOEL SAPPPELL,  
Times Staff Writer

Mayor Tom Bradley has summoned a select group of longtime advisers and expert fund-raisers for a Saturday morning summit at the mayoral mansion to discuss, among other things, how to pay the mounting legal bills generated by the biggest crisis of his political career.

A top Bradley aide acknowledged Thursday that the mayor had called the rare meeting in Hancock Park and that the agenda would center on how to raise money for the newly formed Bradley Officeholder Committee.

Asked to confirm reports circulating through City Hall that the committee is simply a thinly disguised legal defense fund, Bradley's in-house lawyer, Mark Fabiani, would say only: "I think the possibility of using part of the officeholder account funds for legal services will be discussed on Saturday, as well as the means of raising funds."

During the last four months, at least six public agencies have initiated inquiries into Bradley's personal stock dealings and whether he used his official position to steer taxpayer money to business associates.

The mayor has denied any wrongdoing.

Bradley has employed three prestigious law firms to represent him in the inquiries—experts in securities law, trial work and political strategy. Fabiani declined to say how much the defense team has billed the mayor, calling such information a "private matter."

But one veteran supporter who is knowledgeable about attorney fees said: "I would guess that his legal fees are astronomical. They probably are already in the hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Judging from the guest list, it appears that the five-term mayor has decided to tap his substantial pool of political alliances to see him through a controversy that he has for the most part endured alone and that has tarnished his reputation.

Among those invited to Getty House are advisers who in previous terms helped make Bradley one of the nation's most influential Democratic politicians. Some clearly were under the impression that they were being called upon for their judgment, not their money. Those contacted Thursday evening said they had not been told specifically of the meeting's purpose.

Attorney Dan Garcia, formerly Bradley's head of the city Planning Commission, said he was told simply that it is going to be "a meeting of supporters of the mayor. I have no idea what it is about."

Businessman Nikolas Patsouras, a Bradley-appointed zoning commissioner and prominent Democratic Party fund-raiser, said the message he got from the mayor's office indicated only that a few people were being brought together for a "briefing on the present situation."

The entire guest list could not be determined by late Thursday. But a few of the others said to be on it include former public works Commissioner Maureen Kihde, a lobbyist who is one of Bradley's closest advisers; Recreation and Parks Commissioner Dick Riordan, a developer with key links to the business community; Joseph Cerrell, a veteran political consultant; airport Commissioner Johnnie L. Cochran, a politically connected attorney, and longtime fund-raiser Bruce Corvin, treasurer of the new committee.

The Bradley Officeholder Committee was formed July 19—the day before an explosive city audit was made public, leading to an extraordinary week of public hearings by a City Council committee.

In the report and in public testimony it was revealed that someone in the city treasurer's office had "whited out" a notation that indicated a \$2-million deposit in Far East National Bank had been made "per the mayor." Bradley had been a paid adviser to the bank. It was also disclosed that the document was doctored to create the false impression that a required competitive bidding procedure had been followed.

Fabiani, the mayor's counsel, said the committee can spend the funds not only on legal bills but on "any expenses" the mayor has incurred "in connection with his public service." Under the law, they cannot be used to pay off campaign debts, he said.

Such committees are a new phenomenon in the city and have "sort of slipped through" without any public scrutiny, said Walter Zelman, executive director of California Common Cause.

Zelman said he is concerned about their legality and has asked City Atty. James K. Hahn for an opinion. The mayor's office noted Thursday that Hahn himself has such a committee.

Meanwhile, Bradley has missed a mid-July deadline set by the California Fair Political Practices Commission to provide greater detail in his 1984 through 1988 financial disclosure statements. FPPC spokeswoman Sandra Michioku said.

The FPPC notified Bradley on June 23 that he had 20 days to revise the statements, which contain errors and omissions.

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But Fabiani said the FPPC has agreed to give the mayor's office more time because of the complexity of the undertaking.

"All I can say," he added, "is that the statements will be filed when they are ready."

Times staff writers Glenn F. Bunting, Rich Connell and Frederick M. Muir contributed to this story.

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